



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

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## Meeting Minutes

### Representative Town Meeting

**Moderator Jean-Claude Ambroise, Representatives Karin Adams, Scott W. Aument, Sr., Joseph Baril, Nancy E. Barnhart, Alicia Bauer, Genevieve Cerf, Susan Chase-Hildebrand, Michael Collins, Christine Conley, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, Nancy Driscoll, Dave Ferreira, Neal Gardner, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Karen Hatcher, Keith L. Hedrick, Conrad F. Heede, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Michael Dean Johnson, Rosanne E. Kotowski, Jim Loughlin, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Scott Newsome, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Betty A. Prochaska, Pam Ryley, Jack Sebastian, Dana S. Semeraro, Richard Semeraro, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Lori A. Watrous, Amanda L. Whewell and Ivy R. Williams**

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Thursday, November 1, 2012

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

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#### A. ROLL CALL

*Moderator Jean-Claude Ambroise called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
30 members were present, and a quorum was declared.*

*The Moderator reported that Reps. Barnhart, DeMatto, Heede, Hubbard and Prochaska notified the Town Clerk of their absence.*

*Members Present: Moderator Ambroise, Rep. Adams, Rep. Aument, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Chase-Hildebrand, Rep. Collins, Rep. Conley, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Ferreira, Rep. Gardner, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Hatcher, Rep. Hedrick, Rep. Kotowski, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Ryley, Rep. D. Semeraro, Rep. Sebastian, Rep. R. Semeraro, Rep. Steinfeld, Rep. Streeter, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Watrous, Rep. Whewell and Rep. Williams  
Members Absent: Rep. Baril, Rep. Barnhart, Rep. Cerf, Rep. DeMatto, Rep. Harrell, Rep. Heede, Rep. Hubbard, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Newsome, Rep. Prochaska and Rep. Swindell*

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo, Town Councilor Rita Schmidt, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher and Assistant Town Clerk Sally Whitney.*

*Moderator Ambroise announced that Rep. Driscoll is the recipient of the Ella Grasso Leadership Award.*

#### B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

*The members observed a moment of silence followed by the Salute to the Flag.*

#### 2012-0266 Connection Fund Donation

**This matter was Referred to the RTM Community Development & Services Committee, due back on December 12, 2012.**

#### C. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

*None.*

#### D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. FINANCE - Chairman Granatosky

*Chairman Granatosky read the minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 2012. (Minutes are attached to the permanent record.)*

*Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Driscoll and so voted unanimously.*

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

##### 2012-0301 Reauthorization of Senior Center Bonds

## RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPROPRIATION FOR GROTON SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 269 at referendum on November 6, 2007, which appropriated \$11,770,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for renovations and additions to Groton Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter in effect at the time said Ordinance became effective provided that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that certain additional expenditures remain to be made or financed for the project that cannot be expended or financed by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating ordinance and has recommended that said appropriation be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$11,770,000 which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that whatever portion of said appropriation is extended may be financed by grants and Town general obligation bonds previously approved; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to complete the financing of the Groton Senior Center, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any portion of said \$11,770,000 appropriation which has not been expended or financed on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended or financed as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 269, plus the portion which is reappropriated, shall not exceed \$11,770,000.

Refer to RTM under Rule 6.5.3.

**A motion was made by Rep. Granatosky, seconded by Rep. Pasqualini Jr., that this matter be Adopted for November 1, 2012.**

*In response to Rep. Aument, Finance Director Sal Pandolfo stated that it is the Town's general practice to utilize General Fund monies for a project until the Town has bonded for the project.*

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** In Favor: 29 - Moderator Ambroise, Rep. Adams, Rep. Aument, Rep. Bauer, Rep. Chase-Hildebrand, Rep. Collins, Rep. Conley, Rep. Deane-Shinbrot, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Ferreira, Rep. Granatosky, Rep. Hatcher, Rep. Hedrick, Rep. Kotowski, Rep. Loughlin, Rep. Massett, Rep. McDermott, Rep. Merritt, Rep. Pasqualini Jr., Rep. Ryley, Rep. D. Semeraro, Rep. Sebastian, Rep. R. Semeraro, Rep. Steinfeld, Rep. Streeter, Rep. Svencer, Rep. Watrous, Rep. Whewell and Rep. Williams  
Opposed: 1 - Rep. Gardner

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*Moderator Ambroise announced that the regular RTM meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 is cancelled since there is no business to be acted on by the RTM. The next regular RTM meeting will be on Wednesday December 12, 2012.*

*Rep. Kotowski objected to the cancellation, noting that budget season is approaching and that cancelling a meeting prevents discussion on the upcoming FYE2014 Budget.*

*Moderator Ambroise noted that a petition signed by ten percent of the members may be presented to the Town Clerk to force a meeting to be held in November. However, he feels that a November meeting is not necessary.*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. was made by Rep. Driscoll, seconded by Rep. Pasqualini and so*

*voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Betsy Moukawsher, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the RTM*

*Sally A. Whitney, Assistant Town Clerk*